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MUSIC CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT

October 1, 2005 — 7:30 pm

The ***Folk Music Society of Huntington's*** **First Saturday Concerts** will present :

Michael Smith

Michael Smith has been writing and recording his songs since he was fifteen. In college, he toured in a duet: "We hit every coffee-house in the world," Michael recalls. "Those were days when you got hired by the week and people stood in line. They didn't even have to know who you were. It was Folk Music, and Folk Music was happening."

After Steve Goodman recorded Michael's *The Dutchman*, all the music lovers started finding out about Michael's songs. Michael and his wife Barbara became regulars, played the Philadelphia Folk Festival, worked with John Prine, taught at the Old Town School of Folk Music, organized a benefit in commemoration of their friend Gamble Rogers ... making his name large in folk music. Michael wrote the music for the Steppenwolf production of John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*, and with that production he toured for two years: Chicago, La Jolla, London, and finally Broadway and two Tony Awards for Best Director and Best Play.

Michael tours frequently, doing exclusively his own material and writing at a "feverish" pace. "I feel so grateful to get to do what I do," Michael says. "I feel I was born to write songs."

This will be an unforgettable evening of great compositions and moving songs ... you won't want to miss this!



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ABOUT THE CONCERT AND VENUE:

Concert at 7:30 pm, at the Congregational Church of Huntington, 30 Washington Drive, Centerport (just off 25A).

An "open mike" segment precedes the main concert. All are welcome at the open mike; sign up is before 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be available during the intermission.

General admission for this event is \$15, with \$12 for members. For more information regarding this event please call **(631) 425-2925**.

Addition information about the Folk Music Society of Huntington and our concerts are available on our website:

<http://fmshny.org>